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Paxtyn Merten
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Re: Request dated May 6, 2019 and received in U.S. Mail on May 10, 2019

Dear Paxtyn:

I have reviewed your May 6, 2019 request for: "...A copy of the standard curriculum currently used for sexual education throughout the school district. If there is different standard curricula for different grade levels, I would like all of those individual curricula..."

Response: K.S.A. 45-221 states: "...**Certain records not required to be open; separation of open and closed information required; statistics and records over 70 years old open.** (a) Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law, a public agency shall not be required to disclose: (1) Records the disclosure of which is specifically prohibited or restricted by federal law, state statute or rule of the Kansas supreme court or rule of the senate committee on confirmation oversight relating to information submitted to the committee pursuant to K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 75-4315d, and amendments thereto, or the disclosure of which is prohibited or restricted pursuant to specific authorization of federal law, state statute or rule of the Kansas supreme court..."

The district purchases licensed and copyrighted Human Growth and Development curriculum. The district cannot release the copyrighted Human Growth and Development curriculum because the curriculum is protected by federal copyright law.

If a parent wants to view the Human Growth and Development curriculum, the parent can make an appointment to come in and view it at the district's administrative office. You are also welcome to call me to arrange an appointment to look at the curriculum in the district's administrative offices.

A description of the Human Growth and Development curriculum is enclosed. This description is currently provided to parents of all elementary students in grades 4-5 and all secondary students in grades 6-12 in the Wichita Public Schools. The description is accompanied by an opt-in form, which parents are required to sign and return to the school. Parents have the choice of opting-in or opting-out of each child's participation in Human Growth and Development curriculum. The district is providing these records at no charge.

Please note: The district did not receive the request that you stated you submitted on December 13, 2019.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Willome, Ed.D.

Cc: Tom Powell, Board Counsel